

Joseph at times told his father of the wicked things which his brothers did, when they were out of Jacob's sight. We hope that he did this, that their father might reprove them for their evil, and so prevent their ruin; for otherwise it is very wrong for children to tell tales of each other, that themselves might be preferred. This conduct made his brothers hate him very much; and their hatred was increased by two circumstances, which we must mention before we conclude this chapter. Jacob procured for his son Joseph, a very handsome coat, ornamented with figures or flowers of various colours, by which he was easily distinguished from the rest of his sons, which was also a mark of partiality, that they could not approve of. Besides this, Joseph had two very extraordinary dreams, which seemed to portend some future station of greatness, to which he should arrive. These dreams we must introduce in our next chapter.

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CHAP. II.

Containing an Account of Joseph's Dreams, and the Malice of his Brothers, &c.

JOSEPH was now seventeen years of age, a time when young persons are apt to form very high expectations of their future life. And whatever Providence may design for them, they too